GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3318
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
CLEANING OF RIVERS
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of rivers which have become polluted, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have chalked out any action plan for making each of the polluted rivers pollution free;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred so far on cleaning of each river;

(d) the time by which the polluted rivers are likely to be made pollution free;

(e) whether the treatment of the domestic sewage and water is being undertaken in order to cleanse all the rivers or the treatment of the polluted water of the industries falling into the rivers is also covered under the said plan;

(f) if so, the places where the above work is being undertaken; and

(g) if not, the manner in which the Nagda Chambal river of Madhya Pradesh is likely to be conserved?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) A scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) to take up pollution abatement works in 152 towns along the polluted stretches of 27 rivers spread over 16 States is under implementation. The present approved cost of works under NRCP is Rs. 3329 crore. The impact of NRCP on the abatement of river pollution will be visible only after all the works under the schemes are completed by 2005. The State-wise list of rivers alongwith funds released and expenditure incurred is given in Annexure.

(e) to (g) Treatment of domestic sewage is being undertaken under National River Conservation Plan in the 152 towns as mentioned in the Annexure to prevent untreated effluents flowing into the rivers. Industrial pollution is being tackled under the existing environmental laws of the country. For pollution abatement of river Chambal in Madhya Pradesh Nagda town has been included under National River Conservation Plan to provide various pollution abatement works which are
(i) low cost sanitation,
(ii) interception and diversion,
(iii) sewage treatment plants,
(iv) improved wood crematoria,
(v) afforestation and
(vi) public participation.